



Middle East conflict hits close to home

Israeli-Palestinian peace talks start

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A conflict that has plagued the Middle East for more than half a century reached David Drescher nine months ago, when he heard some terrible news.

A student from his high school in Plantation

was killed by a suicide bomber when he was visiting his family in Israel. Drescher, who is Jewish and has visited family in Israel four times, said his community was upset by the death.

"It was shocking that something so far away can hit so close to home," said the UF political science junior.

On the other side of the conflict, UF student

Khader Abualhayjaa's family has suffered their own losses.

When Abualhayjaa's paternal grandfather, Khader Abu El-Haija, was expelled from his Palestinian hometown of Ein Houd by the Israeli government in 1948, he took his

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house key. Like other Palestinian exiles, he thought the war would only last a week. But the conflict dragged on, and Abu El-Haija was forced to start a new life with his family in

Jordan, Abualhayjaa said.

By the time Abu El-Haija visited Israel in the early 1990s, he found Israelis living in the house he still owned. But Abualhayjaa, who considers himself both Jordanian and Palestinian, hopes he will eventually be able to return to his family's homeland.

"The first generation (of Palestinians) are still waiting," Abualhayjaa said. "And the second and third generation were born and (are)

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Fair celebrates Islamic cultures

■ THE EVENT BEGINS ISLAM AWARENESS MONTH.

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With recitations of the Quran blaring in the background, Islam on Campus served baklava, hummus and Arabian coffee on the Plaza of the Americas on Thursday to celebrate the beginning of Islam Awareness Month.

The organization set up about eight tables, which displayed items from countries such as Egypt, Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

A few Muslim students gathered nearby and passed around a hookah pipe.

Eid Alotaibi attracted students to his table by modeling traditional Saudi Arabian dress. He slid

his shimagh, a head scarf worn by Saudi Arabian men, over his head and laughed as he explained that the red-checked cloth could be folded into a handful of fashionable designs.

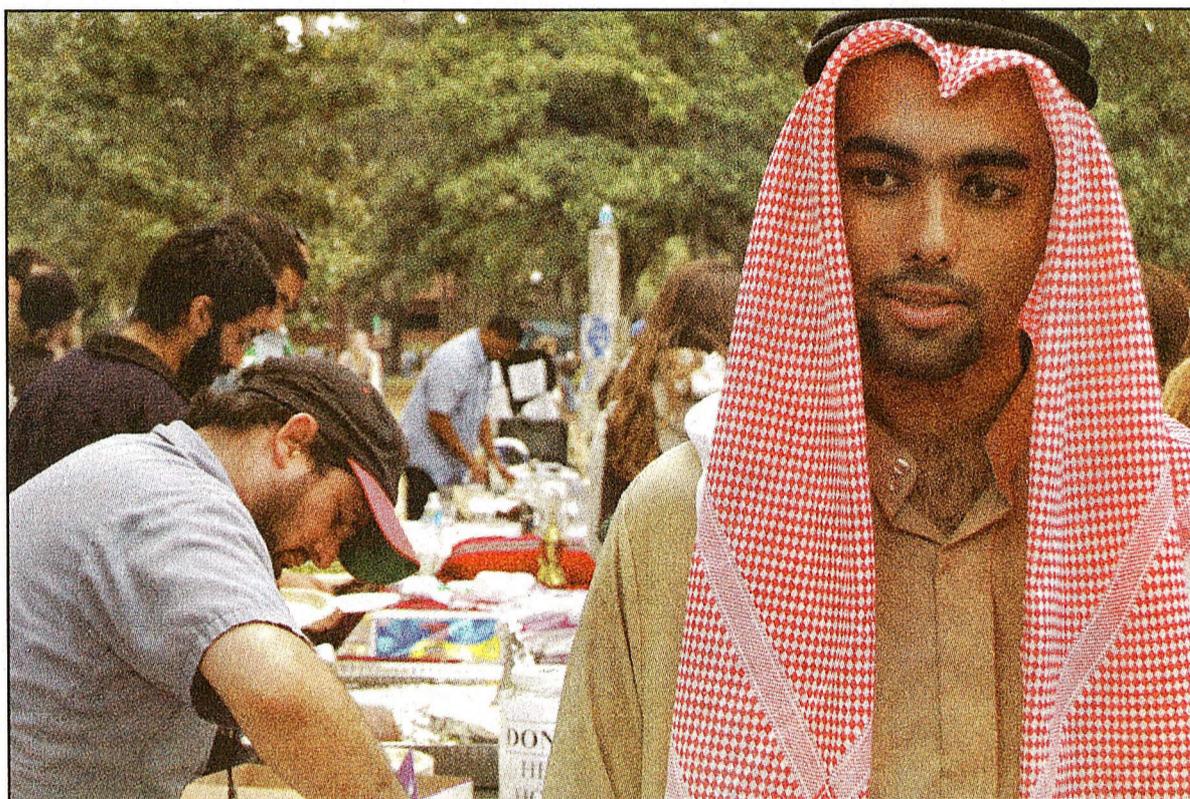
The business major, who is studying at the English Language Institute, said the garb keeps people cool when they are out in the desert sun. A warmer version of the outfit is worn on the few days when Saudi Arabia gets cold, he said.

After his display, Alotaibi picked up a plate and offered dates, a raisin-like fruit popular in countries such as Iraq and Morocco, to passing students. He also poured cups of Arabian coffee.

"Dates always come with coffee," he said. "You cannot separate them."

Around 11:30 a.m., members of the group worked together to serve

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Drew Harwell / Alligator

UF microbiology and cell science junior Mohammad Qureshi discusses Muslim culture at the Islamic Fair on the Plaza of the Americas on Thursday.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Gator, Pants only parties to register for SG elections

By **JOANNA BLAZ**
 Alligator Writer

The deadline to register political parties for the Spring Student Government elections passed Thursday, leaving just the Pants and Gator parties.

Former parties such as 2005's Impact and last semester's Action didn't register for reasons that include past defeats and declining

interest in SG.

"After the Fall, a lot of the motivation wasn't there," said Thomas Jardon, former president of the Action and Impact parties, referring to Action's defeat to the Swamp Party last semester.

Action won only two of the 47 open Student Senate seats.

Jardon said he is fine with what is going on with SG now, adding that he sup-

"Ultimately, it is the students who lose when there is one party."

David Meyrowitz
 Pants Party president

ports Gator's presidential candidate, Ryan Moseley.

Former Impact Treasurer David Meyrowitz is still involved with SG and is

now president of the Pants Party.

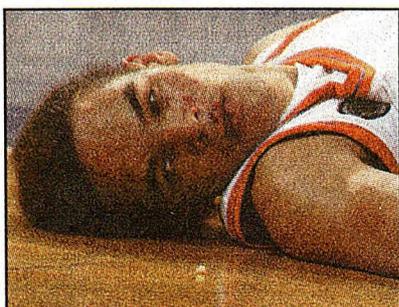
He admitted he wasn't planning on participating in this semester's elections.

He said that Bruce Haupt, the Pants Party's presidential candidate, convinced him to join by saying Gator was running unopposed.

"Ultimately, it is the students who lose when there is one party," he said.

The elections will be Feb. 27 and 28.

■ After having his tooth knocked out against Tennessee last season, Joakim Noah and the No. 1 UF men's basketball team look for revenge Saturday at 3 p.m. in the O'Connell Center. See story, pg. 17.



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Local bars and restaurants are gearing up for the Super Bowl. Although owners don't expect crowds to be as large as they are for Gators games, they expect more customers.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Spring Degree Application Deadline

Spring Withdrawal with 25 Percent Refund Deadline

Qualifying for SG Election
Reitz Union, Rm. 284, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Party leaders interview those seeking Student Senate candidacy for the Spring election.

"Education in Black" Film Series
Reitz Union Auditorium, 6:30 p.m., 9 p.m., 11:30 p.m.
Black History Month presents a free movie showing of "Gridiron Gang."

Physical Therapy Conference
Health Professions, Nursing and Pharmacy Bldg., 3 p.m.
The UF Student Physical Therapy Association organizes a statewide conclave, bringing physical therapy students from across the state together. The event continues on Saturday.

SATURDAY
Black History Month Walk
Plaza of the Americas, 7 a.m.
In conjunction with the American Cancer Society, the 2007 Black History Month committee sponsors a commemorative walk to raise awareness and fund cancer research.

Art History Symposium
Harn Museum, 10 a.m.
The Society of Art History Graduates, a member group of the Fine Arts College Council,

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hosts its annual Art Historical Symposium. Harn Eminent Scholar Adrian Randolph will make the keynote speech.

Chinese New Year Festival
Reitz Union Ballroom, 11 a.m.
The Chinese American Student Association celebrates one of the major Chinese holidays.

Field Day
Westside Recreation Center, 1 p.m.
A field day with games and activities for all ages is presented as part of Black History Month.

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Rescued rabbits hop into hearts of city residents

■ SOME STUDENTS BUY THE PETS.

By DREW HARWELL
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Weighing in at six pounds, with grayish-white fur and sometimes-floppy ears, Albert the bunny is an unlikely dictator.

But still, there he goes, bounding about his declared territory: the kitchen, laundry room and breakfast nook of Kathy Finelli's home.

Albert's one of the lucky ones, Finelli said. As the program director for Gainesville Rabbit Rescue, she's seen a lot of bunnies end up in one of the rescue's temporary foster homes

after being surrendered or abandoned.

But with about 75 rabbits divided among three homes, free space is dwindling faster than the rabbits can find new owners.

About 65 percent of the donated rabbits come from owners unwilling to care for their pets any longer, Finelli said.

Another 25 percent are the children of two rabbits mistakenly thought to be different sexes and kept in the same cage (the so-called "oops litter").

After being donated, the bunnies are named, medically examined and spayed or neutered.

Then, the wait for a home begins. Bunnies like the heart-stealing Jesse James

and the suave Count Chocula spend most of their time at the foster home in their cages, where they have a litter box, food, water bowls and maybe a toy or two.

Exercise time is the bunnies' favorite, she said. With the exuberance of "small children out of school," they run through tubes, toss toys in the air with their mouths, play follow the leader and do little bunny jumps, known around the foster homes as "binkies."

Of the 75 rabbits currently cared for by the rescue, about 30 are in bonded pairs with other bunnies they grew up with.

Finelli said these bonded pairs are so emo-

tionally attached that if one of the pair dies, the other may die within a couple of weeks.

Such pairs can't be split up, which makes them a hard sell even with their lowered price (a single rabbit is \$45 and a bonded pair is \$60).

Finelli said bunnies make good pets for students because of their small size and low maintenance. UF nursing senior Leah Cooper bought her bunny, Shelby, three years ago when she wanted a pet but couldn't bring a dog or cat to her Gainesville Place apartment.

"She's very active and very loving," she said. "It's the only pet I could have right now and bond with and still have the limited time schedule I have."

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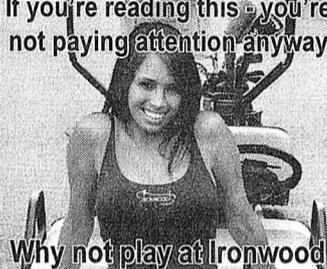
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NIGHT LIFE

UF study evaluates student drinking habits

By **JESSICA DaSILVA**

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Members of the Community Alcohol Coalition listened to statistics about student drinking at a meeting Thursday.

Dennis Thombs, an associate professor in the Department of Health Education and Behavior, presented

results from a pilot study that evaluated the alcohol serving patterns of 15 local bars and restaurants, as well as college students' drinking habits.

But in an interview, Thombs said the study was too small to make any generalities and the results revealed "nothing very surprising."

"Only an incredibly naive person would be shocked by this," he said.

The observations revealed 14 per-

"Only an incredibly naive person would be shocked by this."

Dennis Thombs
associate professor

cent of servers gave alcoholic beverages to customers free of charge and 10 percent gave drinks to "obviously

intoxicated" people.

Researchers also noted that 19 percent of servers appeared to have given drinks to people younger than 21, though the statistic was based on "subjective judgment."

Surveys taken of people leaving locations revealed that men spent an average of \$24.09 on alcohol per night, while women only spent about \$9, excluding cover charges.

However, the presentation stated predrinking as a "major issue," with 59 percent of men and 46 percent of women reporting that they drank before going out.

GPD Lt. Scott Meffen also gave a presentation that reported 176 citations for drinking violations were given out at bars and restaurants on University Avenue and downtown from September to December.

Student organization helps homeless get degrees

GED will give them opportunities

By **DANIELLE TORRENT**

Alligator Writer

Only about one in 10 homeless residents in Gainesville has a high school diploma.

A new UF student organization hopes to change that.

UF's chapter of Student World Assembly, an international service organization that focuses on improvement in the community, is training student volunteers to teach homeless

residents how to take the GED test, which would give the residents the equivalent of a high school diploma.

"We figured one of the best ways to battle homelessness would be to get to the root of the problem," said Robby E. Sweeney, 20, vice president of the assembly. "And in many cases, the root is simply a lack of education."

Jon DeCarmine, director of the Alachua County Office on Homelessness, said the program is a step in the right direction.

"It would be a really good start to building relationships with folks who are just members of the community," DeCarmine said.

DeCarmine said he thinks the program has a good chance at succeeding.

Starting next week, assembly volunteers will be meeting

with residents of the Sunrise Residence Inn in Gainesville — a shelter for homeless people who are

employed but cannot afford to live independently, said Sadie Burgos, a case manager at the complex.

The volunteers will be teaching reading, math and science skills to any of the shelter's interested residents — including the illiterate ones.

Funding for the program was donated by Friends of the Library. Of the 29 people currently residing in Sunrise Residence Inn, five plan on participating in the program, Burgos said.

"My hope is that they do reach their goal and they do go to college," she said.

The volunteers also had the option of receiving UF credit for participating in the program through the America Reads course.

Vista change 'slow'

■ **BUT SENATE BILL MAY HELP IN THE FUTURE.**

By **ARIELLA GUTMAN**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Although some technophiles are eager to check out Microsoft's new Windows Vista, released Tuesday, UF won't be affected by the new operating system in the short run.

UF's Interim Chief Information Officer Marc Hoit said the Office of Information Technology has been experimenting with Vista for more than a year through Microsoft's Technology Adoption Program.

The program allows customers to preview Microsoft products before they are released in exchange for feedback on the product.

"Vista has lots of good things, but is it enough to make the change?" Hoit said. "For a campus this large it will be hard, and the answer is yes, slowly."

Hoit said it would be up to each college whether to integrate the system. However, Hoit said he's in

charge of making decisions for the computer labs.

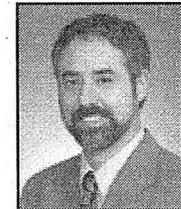
"We won't make the switch until we know everything is going to run smoothly and cause no problems," he said.

Some of the software UF currently uses won't run on Vista, he said. Also, a lack of funds prevents UF from providing it to the entire campus.

But a state Senate bill filed last week would, if passed, allow Florida's public universities to charge a fee that would specifically go toward improving their technology.

Pavel Tzonkov, a UF electrical engineering junior, said he supports the bill if it would "help protect things like my WebMail and get Vista for free."

"(Vista) has great capabilities with applications for my major," Tzonkov said.



Hoit

Alumnus' play debuts

By **INNA GOYKHMAN**

Alligator Contributing Writer

After over 30 years of teaching at the UF School of Theatre and Dance, professor David Shelton is getting a curtain call.

Shelton will perform for the last time in the world premiere of "American Western," which opens at 8 tonight at Constans Theatre.

The play was written by UF alumnus Neal Utterback and is directed by Kevin Marshall, director of the School of Theatre and Dance.

Shelton explained that the play presents a highly private drama that focuses on the human cost of war.

"Kevin Marshall always says that it's about truth and betrayal," said Shelton. "It's about a search for truth, and that's about as good as I can explain it."

Shelton performs the role of a ghost character seen only by one other person in the show.

"I play an imaginary friend, of sorts," he said. "He is dreamed up by a soldier in Iraq."

Shelton, who teaches acting and directing to both undergraduate and graduate students, will be retiring at the age of 66.

The play is scheduled to run from Feb. 2 to Feb. 11.



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Aerial attack

Simon Ho, a first-year industrial and systems engineering graduate student, spins and twirls his kwan dao, an ancient Chinese war weapon, outside the Reitz Union on Thursday evening. Simon, a member of the Meihua Student Association of Martial Arts, is practicing for his performance in a Chinese New Year celebration. He has been practicing Chinese martial arts for seven years.

Students join world leaders at prayer breakfast

■ THE PRESIDENT AND SOME SENATORS ATTEND.

By JILLIAN RAINS

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Gator Nation extended to the nation's capital on Thursday morning when four UF students joined political leaders at the 55th annual National Prayer Breakfast.

Students from universities across the country were invited to attend the breakfast.

"It was inspiring to be a part of a gathering that was in the spirit of Jesus, where we were seeking the face of God for strength and direction for our country," said Katie Schrimsher, an elementary and special education senior.

Schrimsher, Meredith Biggs, Jessica Custer and Natalie

"The breakfast was about Christ but not about Christianity."

Jessica Custer
UF sophomore

Saltmarsh were four of about 100 students invited to attend the breakfast as part of the National Student Leadership Forum's stu-

dent weekend.

President Bush, members of Congress and world leaders attended the breakfast.

Presidential hopefuls Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama were among the many senators at the conference.

"It's quite an honor to be asked to represent UF by attending the breakfast and sitting with world leaders who impact the world as

we attempt to impact our own communities," said Custer before she left for the capital.

The purpose of the breakfast was for people of all religious backgrounds to congregate and pray for the world.

"The breakfast was about Christ but not about Christianity," said Custer, a sophomore, in a phone interview Thursday morning.

ART

Tibet exhibit visits natural museum

By ETHEL MORENO

Alligator Contributing Writer

The Florida Museum of Natural History held a sneak preview Thursday night for the "Tibet: Mountains and Valleys, Castles and Tents" exhibit.

At the opening ceremony, guests heard a Tibetan prayer and saw the creation of a sand mandala, which is a large, intricate pattern designed with sand.

Visitors will be able to view the sand mandala until Feb. 14, when it will be destroyed at the closing ceremony.

Darcie MacMahon, the associate director of exhibits, said the exhibit is a traveling event from The Newark Museum and was reserved a few years ago.

The objects featured in the exhibit range in date from the 13th century through the 1950s.

The showcased pieces belonged to rulers, nomads, priests and common people of that time period.

"They have so much talent to be able to make this without any patterns or machinery."

Lori Clayton
museum member

The installation includes a collection of rugs, photos, containers and jewelry. Some of the pieces were for special occasions and some were used in everyday life, but all the objects are rare and were forbidden under Communist rule.

The exhibit also features an installation of photographs from the Dolpa region of northern Nepal that were taken by museum staff member Andrei Sourakov.

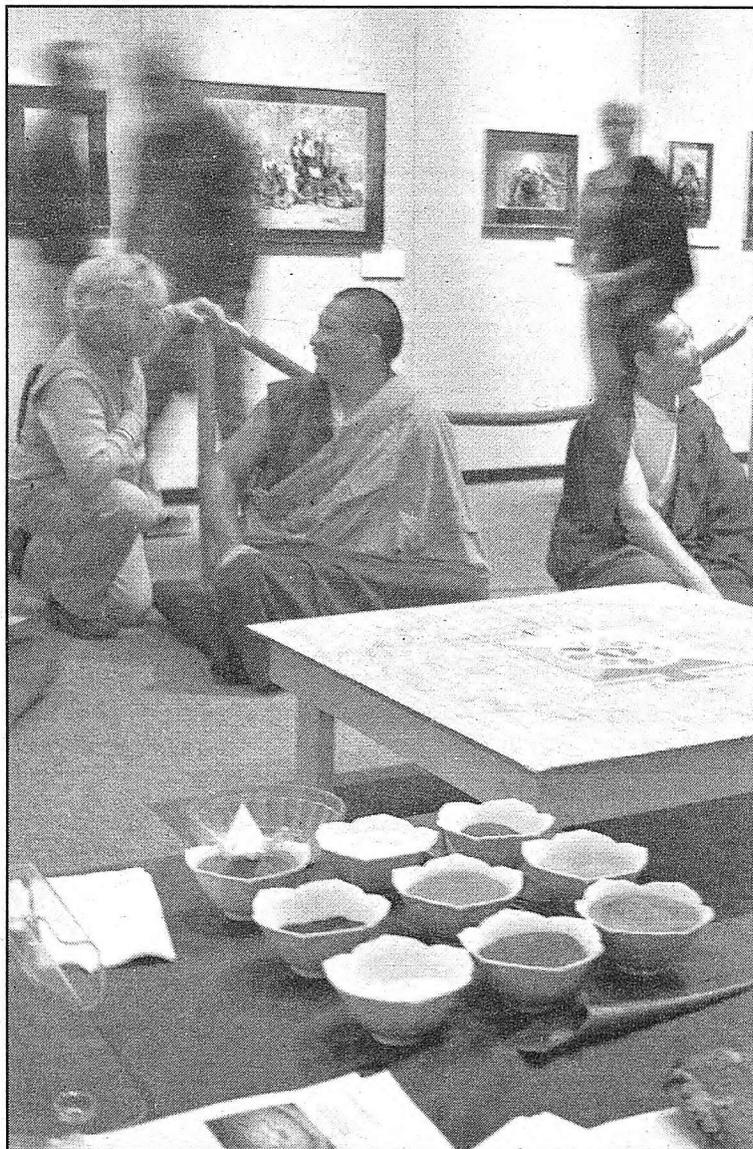
Sourakov went on an expedition to Nepal to photograph the butterfly species that inhabit Dolpa's Himalayan valleys. His photographs document his two-month journey and include pictures of butterflies and the Tibetan people of that region.

Lori Clayton, a member of the museum, said she thought the exhibit was very informative and educational.

Clayton added that her favorite piece is a wedding tent because of the intricate designs and colors.

"They have so much talent to be able to make this without any patterns or machinery," she said.

The exhibit will be on display from Feb. 3 to May 28.



Mauri Mohler / Alligator

Monks gather round a sand mandala and answer questions from guests Thursday at the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Football frenzy raises heart risk

By ERIN EHRLICH

Alligator Contributing Writer

Fans often take sports to heart — literally.

During big sporting events, like Sunday's Super Bowl, fans are at a higher risk of strokes, heart attacks and other cardiovascular problems, said Dr. David Seaberg, chairman of UF's department of emergency medicine.

Public Health Excitement and stress cause the body to release adrenaline, which greatly increases heart rate and blood pressure, Seaberg said.

On weekends when UF's football team plays, Shands at UF's emergency room sees considerably more patients than on others, he said.

Seaberg said people unaware of existing health problems, especially men, are most vulnerable. Men are less likely to leave during the game to go to the hospital, he said.

"Be careful out there," Seaberg advised. "It's just a game, not a life or death situation, and we don't want it to become one."

UF student Jeff White said he's a hard-core Pittsburgh Steelers fan, and even during a heart attack, he'd stay at the stadium.

"I would never, ever leave a Steelers game, no matter what," White said.

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Editorial

It's been a long, cold week, and we're more than ready for the weekend. Between planning Super Bowl parties and hearing the announcement that the final Harry Potter book is coming out in July, our calendars are suddenly looking very busy. Those Hermione and Ron costumes don't make themselves, you know.

Despite the temperatures hovering near freezing for the past few days — and they'll be dipping back down next week — we were able to drag ourselves away from our electric blankets just long enough to write this week's edition of...

Darts & Laurels

First we hand a what's-good-for-the-environment-is-good-for-our-souls **LAUREL** to the Hare Krishnas for vowing to switch from Styrofoam cups and plastic utensils to sugarcane products. This will allow more than 800 students each day to enjoy their lunch with a side of carbon-neutrality, since the carbon dioxide created in making the products is cancelled out by the carbon dioxide the growing plants absorb. How's that for a karma-free meal?

Next up, here's a welcome-to-the-future-and-the-future-is-now **LAUREL** to the Warrington College of Business for making lectures for some of its classes available as audio and video podcasts. We could already download movies and TV shows, and we've been watching lectures online for a few years. It was only a matter of time before a marriage of the two was created.

And hopefully this will combat the problem of students watching lectures in the libraries when we really need to check our Facebook.com profiles between classes.

We have to throw a half-truths-are-still-whole-lies **DART** in the direction of the UF administration for not informing applicants about the possible \$1,000 Academic Enhancement Program charge. Sure, the program hasn't been approved by the Florida Legislature yet, but the administration should be honest with the incoming freshmen.

You don't order a steak at a restaurant only to find out you'll be charged extra for some A.1. steak sauce. Likewise, UF should include the charge in its estimated attendance costs — even though it's not set in stone yet.

And we can't resist giving a we-really-can't-wait-for-your-campaign-posters **LAUREL** to the Pants Party, which is returning to face off against the Greek-dominated Gator Party.

The good news is that a two-party race means the non-Greek portion of the vote won't be split. But the bad news is that a lack of student participation will still probably hand a victory to the Gator Party.

Now we hand a don't-worry-you're-still-the-linchpin-of-American-consumerism **LAUREL** is for the Starbucks on the corner of West University Avenue and Northwest 13th Street for finally caving in and setting a date to close up shop. It's not like we can't get our daily caffeine jolt from one of the other nine Gainesville Starbucks locations — including one in Library West. Or we could even buy coffee from a totally different company.

Now, building University Corners can finally commence. And does anyone doubt for a second that a new Starbucks won't be opened in the finished University Corners? Like the yuppies would ever stand for that.

We feel a draft, and those blankets sure look warm. But before we go, we'll chuck a just-another-politician-putting-his-foot-in-his-mouth **DART** to Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., who referred to Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., as "the first mainstream African-American who is articulate and bright and clean and a nice-looking guy."

Seriously Joe, if you're going to say it, at least don't say it immediately after announcing your candidacy. Sorry, but you just lost our vote. Maybe we'll give it to that "clean" guy instead.

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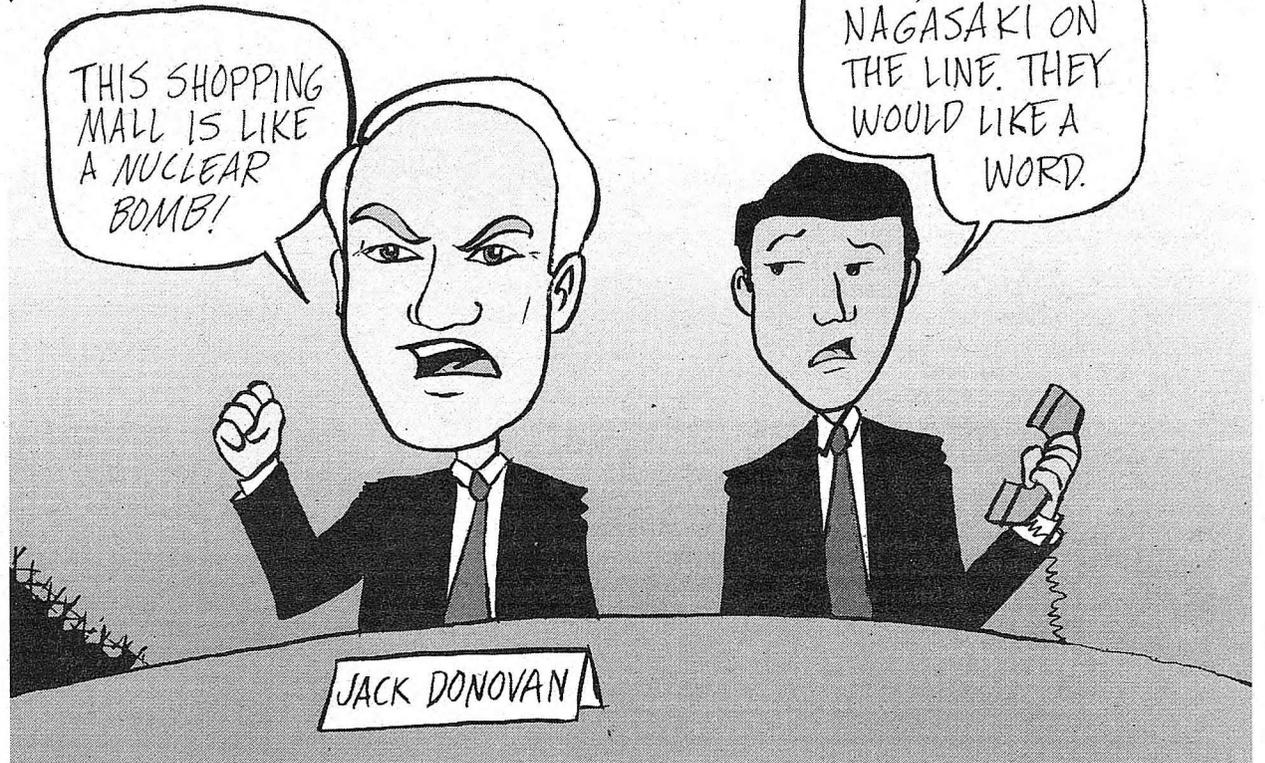
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Column

University Corners tax break aids city

University Corners. The mere mention of the name inspires rage in the average Gainesvillian. The \$125 million development has been in the news for years now, inspiring disapproval among almost every sect of the population — even the Hare Krishnas had a beef with the project at one point. It's hard to find a single soul who still supports the development.

But you're only getting one side of the story. Many of the "truths" about University Corners have been either greatly exaggerated or completely fabricated. The arguments against the development are tenuous at best, and the media coverage of its crawl toward completion has been radically biased. But the truth is, every resident of Gainesville should support University Corners. Here's why.

The public opposes University Corners mostly because of the way developers purportedly acquired the property and because of the widespread idea that the finished product will be a shrine to corporate sprawl and consumerism.

Many businesses caused a stir by refusing to sell their properties when first approached by University Corners, and naturally the public sided with these businesses. But most were promised leases in the new development and were offered buyouts worth many times their businesses' actual value.

The developers even offered to pay the owner of Maui Teriyaki his average yearly profit every year for the next decade in addition to the value of his property — yet he still declined to sell.

Usually when private property owners refuse to sell to big corporate development projects, the government steps in. The government's power of eminent domain has expanded greatly in the past several decades, and it now routinely exercises it to cheaply acquire property for large developments, such as University Corners.

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But the city remained largely uninvolved in the process this time. There was no coercion of property owners, no heavy-handed, non-negotiable seizures of property and no ridiculously undervalued, mandatory buyouts.

The only support the city has offered University Corners is a significant tax break — millions of dollars over 26 years. This is generally parroted as evidence that the city is subsidizing the project, and that it could not stand on its own. But the city isn't actually transferring any money to the developers, nor is it losing revenue because of the tax break.

This money is actually a large portion of the taxes that will be charged to the development over the next quarter-century. The city will simply not collect that money, allowing it to be reinvested in the project. It will still collect some taxes, though — revenue that it would not otherwise. Therefore, the city should actually turn a profit with its investment.

Due to the sharp increase in property value that the development is expected to bring, it's quite likely that even a small portion of taxes brought in by the project will be larger than all the taxes previously collected from the businesses in the area. Simple economics tells us that even with the tax break, the project will bring greater economic development to the area.

There are two sides to the story here — one of corporate sprawl and fictitious government intervention, and another of increased tax revenue and economic development. Which one you want to believe is your decision, but at least be sure to get both sides.

Joshua Simmons is an economics sophomore. His column appears on Fridays.

Reader response

Today's question: Will the Pants Party be able to defeat the Gator Party in the Spring elections?

Thursday's question: Does encouraging biking help the city's traffic problem?

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Letters to the Editor

Minus grades discussion not open to all

So Faculty Senate Chairwoman Danaya Wright thinks that Student Government was irresponsible in its reaction to the faculty's proposal of minus grades. Well, Ms. Wright, right back at ya.

Wright complained that only two students spoke at the Faculty Senate meeting on minus grades, and both opposed the idea. She wanted equal numbers in support and in opposition, so we could "talk about it on an intellectual level."

So when it comes to raising faculty pay and benefits, would the chairwoman agree that time should be divided equally between speakers in favor and opposed? Or would she call such a format pedantic and patronizing?

By the way, the reason so few students spoke at the meeting was because it was scheduled late in exam week. Many students had already left Gainesville, and most of the ones still in town were holed up in the library studying for finals.

If the Faculty Senate honestly wanted students to weigh in equally on minus grades, it should have sought student input in December 2005, when its Academic Policy Council began discussing the issue.

Instead, the Faculty Senate waited almost a year, until November 2006 — a month before the final vote, which was conveniently scheduled during exam week. It's not like the students were silent on the issue.

The Student Senate, which has more than 90 members and speaks for the whole student body, voted against minus grades. Almost 3,000 students joined a Facebook.com group protesting the proposal. Students have mechanisms for debating such proposals — and they're not dictated by the whims of the Faculty Senate.

No matter what you think about minus grades, the way the Faculty Senate handled the proposal was inexplicable and infuriating. The faculty led the call for shared governance at UF because apparently they don't like it when someone else makes decisions that affect them without having been involved in the process. Guess what: Neither do students!

Gavin Baker
student senator, Liberal Arts and Sciences

Campaign spending cap would be unfair

Todd Portnowitz's column Thursday regarding campaign finance reform was written with a nauseating air of populism and a naïveté that is all too characteristic of supporters of public candidate financing. Presidential candidates do not raise hundreds of millions of dollars for giggles. They raise that money because that's what it takes to win.

Today, winning the presidency means a candidate needs to get 60 to 65 million people to the polls to vote for him or her. Capping campaign spending would only cause a precipitous drop in voter turnout due to a lack of advertising power, and it would make it that much harder for dark-horse candidates to win.

No wonder Hillary Clinton loves campaign finance reform as much as Mr. Portnowitz — it would make it that much easier for her to win the Democratic nomination. Or perhaps he thinks limiting political competition is more democratic than letting those without a lot of financial backing have a chance to compete under the current system.

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Boyles teaches networking

By **JESSICA PONN**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Student Body President John Boyles entered Hume Hall, Room 119, on Thursday just in time for his scheduled speech, to find an eager audience of two.

The event was planned so honors students could meet Boyles and learn about getting involved at UF.

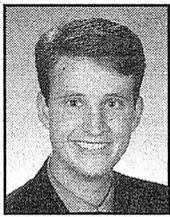
The intimate setting allowed the two students — freshmen Dhyana Sankar and Matt Hobbs — the opportunity to be mentored by Boyles.

He advised his audience to get involved in Student Government, encouraging them not to give up if their initial pursuits fail.

That advice resonated with Hobbs, who was rejected from the Florida Cicerones this

year. Boyles told him to seek comfort in the fact that the group has a lower acceptance rate than Harvard.

Boyles also advised getting involved in groups such as Accent and Theatre Strike Force.



Boyles

Honors program head Sheila Dickson, who was also in attendance, emphasized the importance of being involved in student organizations.

"Network like crazy," she said. "We underestimate the Gator connection."

Boyles said his success has come from being in the right place at the right time and being supported by great people.

Auction to benefit kids

■ **MONEY WILL GO TOWARD CHILDREN IN INDIA.**

By **AMRA ZEJNELI**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Without saying a word, Gainesville residents have a chance to help children who are halfway around the world.

A silent auction tonight will raise money to buy supplies for children in southern India who would otherwise be too poor to attend school.

UF junior Laura Gutane organized the event, and the United World Organization, a UF student group, is helping coordinate it.

The school supplies will go to children in India who are part of the lowest level in the caste system

and deemed "untouchable." "By raising money through this silent auction we will be able to make a difference in other, less fortunate people's lives," Gutane said.

Most of the items collected for the auction are handmade locally, but there are also items from countries around the world. There will be artwork, scarves, purses, jewelry, sweets and pottery.

During the auction, entertainment will be provided by the UF Bhangra Group and West African Dance students.

Reaching for a Brighter Future Silent Auction will take place tonight at the Civic Media Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Students and faculty express hope for peace

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still waiting."

For the first time in six years, Israeli and Palestinian authorities have agreed to meet for peace talks. The United States is expected to play a key role in the negotiations.

Despite low expectations, UF faculty and students hope the talks will bring Palestinians and Israelis closer to peace.

The talks start today with a meeting of the Quartet, a coalition of United States, European Union, Russian and United Nations delegates. When the Quartet met in 2002, they created a "road map" for peace.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas will meet later this month to start the three-party talks.

Officials have not revealed the specific issues they plan to discuss but suggested the talks would take steps toward creating a final peace treaty between Israel and a Palestinian state. The last major talks between the United States, Palestine and Israel stalled during the Camp David meetings in 2000.

Matthew Jacobs, an assistant history professor, said the upcoming peace talks are different from past negotiations. The negotiators usually come up with specific issues, such as proposals to hand Israeli territory to the Palestinians, before moving to broader topics, he said. He called the talks an "almost symbolic" effort to show cooperation between the parties.

"They're trying to kick-start the process," he said. "They're saying it's time to sit down and talk."

The conflict between Israelis and

Palestinians ignited when Israel became an officially recognized state in 1948. As masses of Jews and other settlers flocked into the newborn country, many Palestinians living in the area were expelled from their homes. Some Palestinians started new lives in nearby Arab countries.

Others fought for land they considered theirs in a conflict that has continued for nearly 60 years.

"They're trying to kick-start the process. They're saying it's time to sit down and talk."

Matthew Jacobs

UF assistant history professor

Different factions in Israel and Palestine disagree on the legitimacy of either Israeli or Palestinian states.

The Palestinian state would most likely include the territories Israel wrested from nearby Arab countries in the Six Day War of 1967. These territories include the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, from which Israel withdrew all its settlements in 2005.

Jacobs said both Olmert and Abbas have weak support from their people. Olmert lost support during the conflict between Israel and Lebanon last summer. The conflict resulted in significant losses. On the other hand, Abbas' Fatah party has lost the support of the Palestinian people to the militant Hamas party, which refuses to recognize Israel as an official state.

To negotiate at the peace talks, Abbas will have to show he can control or steer Palestinian support away from Hamas and other militant groups. But

if he concedes too many issues to the Israelis, he will lose credibility among the Palestinians.

Drescher said he supported the creation of a Palestinian state but was skeptical of Abbas' ability to control his people — especially when the militant wing of Abbas' political party claimed responsibility for Monday's suicide bombing. This was the first bombing in Israel in nine months.

"I find it very disheartening to see that a man who is championed as a moderate for the entire world can't even control a faction of his own political group," he said. "If he can't get them under control, how is he going to get under control with Hamas in power?"

Political science professor Ken Wald said the United States has been largely uninvolved in the peace process since President George W. Bush was elected in 2001. Getting involved in the peace process will allow the United States to make allies with Arab states and stabilize the region, he said.

"To a large extent, this is just us trying to increase goodwill," he said.

Jacobs said the talks will probably not make much progress on larger issues, such as creating a Palestinian state. He said officials will instead concentrate on smaller problems, such as economic aid for Palestinians.

Hidden cards will play a role in the peace process.

When Hamas rose to power last year, Olmert froze \$55 million in tax receipts meant for the Palestinian Authority. He can now use the money as a bargaining tool.

"That's probably going to be the big carrot they dangle in front of Abbas," Jacobs said.

September 1947

Britain announces it will withdraw from Palestine by mid-May 1948.

November 1947

The U.N. General Assembly approves the partition of Palestine.

December 1947-May 1948

Arab-Jewish war takes place in Palestine.

May 1948

David Ben-Gurion proclaims the independence of Israel and becomes the state's first prime minister.

January-July 1949

The United Nations sponsors separate armistice talks between Israel and the Arab states involved in the 1948 war: Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan.

1964

The Palestine Liberation Organization is created.

January 1988

Intifada/PLO announce the Fourteen Points, which call for a Palestinian state to coexist with Israel.

November 1988

The Palestine National Council declares the creation of a Palestinian state.

October 1991

Arab-Israeli talks begin in Madrid.

August 1993

The PLO suspends Palestinian participation in Madrid talks, they return in April.

February 1993

The Israeli-Palestinian Declaration of Principles is initiated in Oslo, Norway. Palestinians consent to recognize Israel in return for the beginning of phased dismantling of Israel's occupation.

1995

The Oslo 2 negotiations and the signing of "Interim Agreement" take place. Palestinians are not enthusiastic about Oslo 2, and Israel's religious right is furious at the "surrender of Jewish land."

2000

Camp David summit: Two weeks of talks fail to yield acceptable solutions to the status of Jerusalem and the right of return of Palestinian refugees.

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Fair shares message of Islam, showcases Arabic food, fashion, music

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a lunch consisting of pita bread, hummus and other Arab treats. Next to the table where the meal was served, a jar collected donations to help educate kids in Bangladesh who usually cannot afford to attend school after fifth grade, said event co-chairman Sakil Hossain.

About 200 students stopped by and about \$500 was donated.

At a table nearby, Islam on Campus President Abdulrahman Hamad swept his fountain pen from right to left as he wrote students' names in Arabic. Hamad was raised in Chicago but learned Arabic calligraphy from his Palestinian parents.

When he saw a student looking at nearby house ornaments, he explained the Quran passages inscribed on them. Pointing at a triangular mirror decorated with the last chapter of the Quran, Hamad said Islam teaches messag-

es that encourage people to open their hearts and rid themselves of life's burdens through a relationship with God.

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To him, the Quran reminds him to consider God in every aspect of his life, he said. "Whether I serve God by getting an education, inventing something that benefits humanity or helping to relieve someone's stress, being a Muslim is a way of life," he said.

While one student was being spiritual, another focused on politics. Sociology doctoral student David Reznik displayed a poster board with pictures of Palestinians engaging in everyday activities, such as eating or dancing, and of Palestinians injured by Israeli bombs.

"I want to highlight the traditions of the Palestinian people, but I also want people to see the horrors Palestinian people have to live with every day of their lives," he said.

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FREE Alarm*FREE Tanning*W/D
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2 For Rent unfurnished

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2-19-30-2

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Renovated Kitchen Available Aug 1st, 2007
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Other house available for Aug 1st. \$1375/
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ing. DalyProperties.com, Carol 377-3852
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School Worship @ 11am & 6pm
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group RockUF is now meeting
by campus Wednesday nights
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Holy Communion 8am, 10am and
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presbyterian
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Worship 8:00pm. For more info:
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Islamic Center of Gainesville
1010 W University Ave.
Friday Prayer at 1:30pm
352-372-1980
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Friday prayer 1:30pm
352-377-5656

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Quaint 1BR/1BA apts in historic Victorian house. Huge rooms, screened porch, wood floors, high ceilings, pvt entrance. \$525/MO. 376-2184. 225 SW 3rd. Ave. 2-7-5-2

Duck Pond Studio Loft Apartment
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Avail Aug. 1. 4BR/3BA House. Only 2 years old, fireplace, wash/dryer, vaulted ceilings, private, dishwasher, \$1500/MO 2108 NW 8th CT. 339-2342 2-7-5-2

Avail Aug. 1. 4BR/2BA house. Hot tub, fireplace, washer/dryer provided, fenced back yard, screened deck, carport. 3413 NW 8th Ave. 339-2342 \$1600/MO 2-7-5-2

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2 For Rent unfurnished

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Pool Tennis Courts, All Utils Incl
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Spacious 1BR/BA at Campus Lodge, all utilities included and fully furnished. Female only. \$509/mo total. Contact 352-870-7022 2-7-10-3

3 Subleases

Sublease ASAP at Campus Lodge 2BR/2BA Available Fully Furnished \$500/MO NEGOTIABLE Contact 305-898-6651 2-23-20-3

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Large house, close to UF/SFCC
Call Claudia 352-246-6552 2-14-10-3

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CAMPUS CLUB. AVAILABLE NOW
Free rent for February. All utils incl. Seconds from I-75 & Butler Plaza. Mins from UF or SFCC. Fully furn & ready to move in! 321-947-0075 1-21-22-3

1 BLOCK FROM CAMPUS WITH PARKING \$460/mo. Available May - August. Option to renew for longer. Sweet location w/ patio. Norman Hall. Call 352-816-0303 suprfunk@ufl.edu 2-8-5-3

4 Roommates**Roommate Matching HERE**

Oxford Manor 377-2777
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Cobblestone 377-2801
Hidden Lake 374-3866
4-25-72-4

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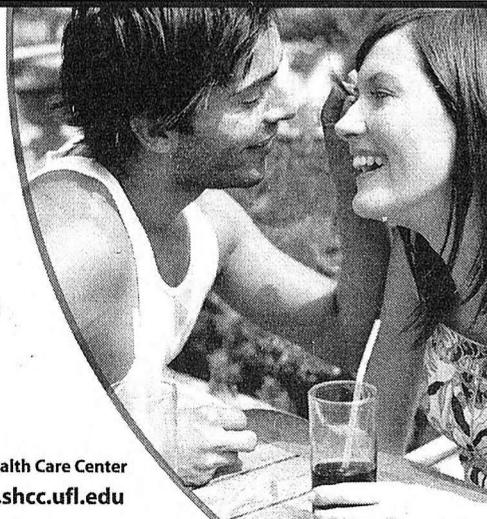
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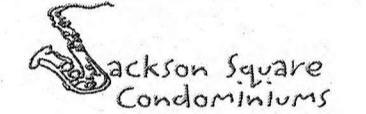
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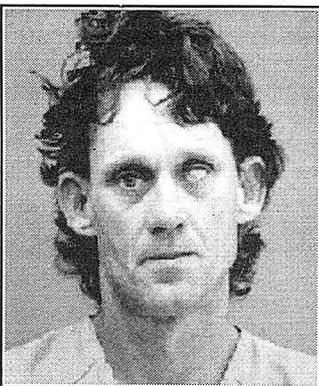
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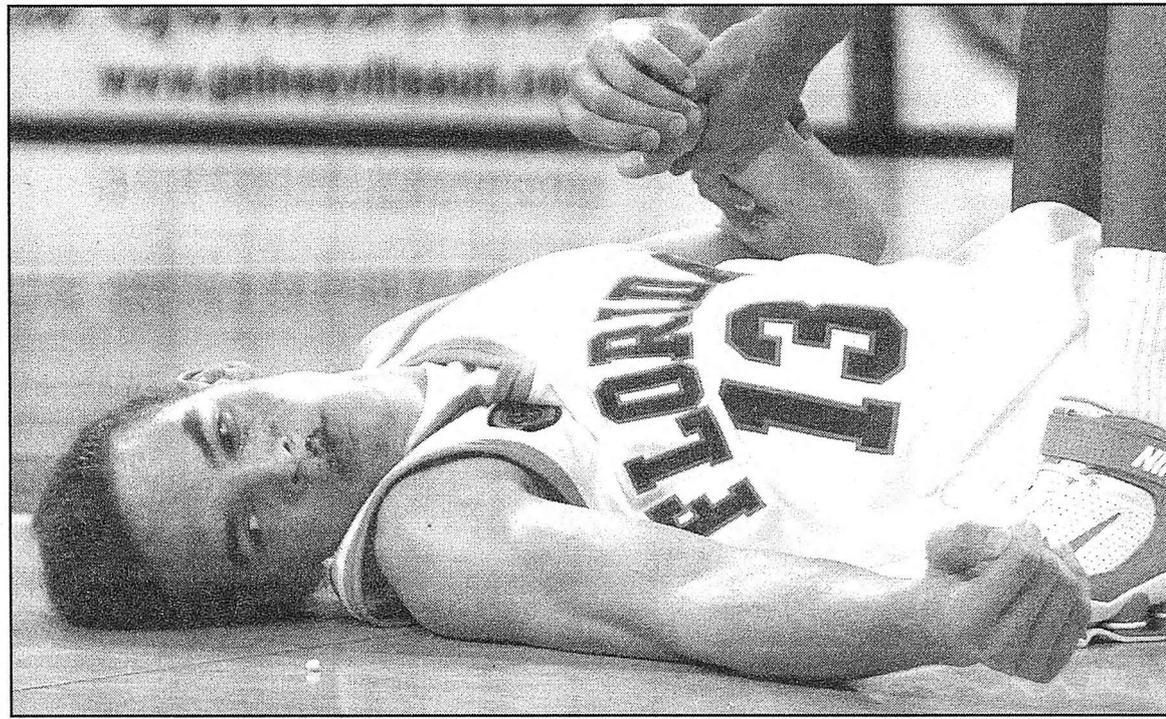
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Revenge at hand following pair of '06 losses to Vols



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Stunned Joakim Noah stares at the tooth Tennessee guard C. J. Watson knocked out of his mouth in the Gators' 76-72 loss to the Volunteers on Feb. 22. Tennessee returns to Gainesville Saturday, at 3 p.m.

By **JENNA MARINA**
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When the No. 1 Gators host rival Tennessee on Saturday afternoon, more than just a victory is at stake.

UF's pride is on the line.

"I don't want to say anything that's going to get me in trouble or anything, but after last year, I feel like if anybody on our team doesn't come ready to play on Saturday, that'll be a problem," UF forward Joakim Noah said.

Noah has been ready to play the Volunteers since last season when Tennessee's C.J. Watson elbowed him in the mouth, knocking out a tooth. Noah said he now sports a mouth guard because of that game.

Corey Brewer is still haunted by the two turnovers he committed in both games that resulted in Tennessee's game-winning points.

"It was very hard just because the ball was in my hands at the end of the games, and I turned it over twice," Brewer said. "I'll probably think about it."

UF coach Billy Donovan knows that his team has grown considerably since then and doesn't expect to see the same mistakes.

"I don't want to say anything that's going to get me in trouble or anything, but after last year, I feel like if anybody on our team doesn't come ready to play on Saturday, that'll be a problem."

Joakim Noah
UF forward

"When you're dealing with a young team like we were last year, there's obviously not a lot of experience," Donovan said. "They thought that the solution for everything they did was to play harder and with more passion."

Tennessee's personnel has changed some since it last visited

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RECRUITING

DT Brown commits to UF

By **MIKE MCCALL**
Alligator Writer

Another Lakeland Dreadnaught joined the Gators' 2007 recruiting class Thursday.

Defensive tackle John Brown chose UF over Alabama, becoming the sixth consecutive five-star commit for the Gators.

Brown is the fifth-ranked tackle in the country, sporting a 6-foot-1, 285-pound frame.

"He's as good of a defensive lineman as we've had since I've been there," said Lakeland coach Bill Castle, who learned of the verbal commitment Thursday morning from the school principal. "He's strong, powerful, plays well with his hands and he's able to keep his feet under him and not get off-balance."

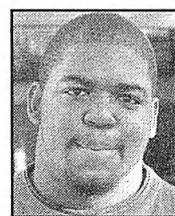
Both Alabama and UF coaches were on Lakeland's campus Thursday.

Brown's position coach, Dan Talbot, said UF co-defensive coordinator Charlie Strong met with the player after the decision was made.

Brown will join Chris Rainey,

Ahmad Black, Michael and Maurkice Pouncey, Paul Wilson and Steven Wilks as the seventh Lakeland player in this year's class.

"That says a lot not only about our athletics, but also that they've been good students," Castle added. "It's



Brown

a special group of seniors that we had. It's great, and I appreciate Florida taking our players."

Brown will join the No. 2 tackle in the nation — Seffner Armwood High's Torrey Davis — in replacing former Gators' tackles Marcus Thomas, Steven Harris and Joe Cohen.

"(Brown's commitment) solidifies a tremendous group of defensive tackles," Scout.com recruiting analyst Mike Bakas said. "Brown is a run stopper. He's really strong and plays low to the ground, which makes him tough to block. Davis is kind of the opposite, more of a pass rusher. He's got longer arms and legs, so they complement

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Hapless Gators fold again

■ UF IS STILL WINLESS IN THE SEC.

By **BRIAN STEELE**
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It's like reaching your hand into a candy jar, hoping for a different flavor each time.

But when you open your fist, it's always the same piece — and it's been dropped on the floor.

It's that same piece of candy for the UF women's basketball team, as the Gators (6-17, 0-8 Southeastern Conference) dropped their tenth straight Thursday night, losing to Mississippi (17-6, 6-2 SEC) 72-64 at the O'Connell Center.

In three of the past four home games, UF had a chance to win, but second-half blunders have proven too costly.

Against the Rebels, the Gators shot a paltry 27 percent in the second half after putting up a solid 44 percent in the first.

While it appears UF is crumbling in close games, Coach Carolyn Peck looks

at the intangibles involved.

"I don't think it's a matter of trying too hard," Peck said. "It's just the competitiveness and the fight these players have in them. For a team that's as young and as small as we are, they've got hearts that are huge. I'll take trying too hard (instead of) quitting or giving up. That's



Basketball

two things these nine players have not done." The percentages were not the biggest problem, however, as Mississippi also shot poorly — 38

percent for the game. "Two of our main focuses were we wanted to take care of the ball, and we wanted to try to eliminate their second chance opportunities," Peck said. "We didn't do a very good job at either. We allowed Ole Miss 27 second-chance points. When you lose by 8, that hurts. That's the kicker."

The Gators are still struggling to box out. Even though UF has only one player

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Thursday's question: Which game is the UF men's basketball team most likely to lose? (see right for results)

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Levine seeks impressive collegiate tennis debut versus Furman

ROUNDUP, from page 20

arguably the Gators' top player, will make his dual match debut after being eliminated by Benjamin Becker 6-3, 6-3 in the International Tennis Championships in Delray Beach.

"Obviously, we're a lot better

with Jesse," Jackson said. "Jesse's going to play a certain very high level."

While Jackson is happy to have Levine back, his team's success will be decided by other younger players.

"The determining factor on how good we're going to be is more dependent on Shaun Young, Billy

"We're not in Baylor's league right now."

Andy Jackson
UF men's tennis coach

Mulligan, Geoffrey Barton and Daniel Cash than Jesse Levine," Jackson said. "Jesse Levine is a

player. I know that already."

Young, Mulligan, Barton and Cash made their dual-match debuts Wednesday. The quartet was involved in five of the eight matches, posting a 2-3 record.

Sunday's 1 p.m. match against No. 2 Baylor will present a new level of tennis for the young players to contend with.

None were around in 2006 when then-No. 2 UF defeated the No. 7 Bears to snap their 61-match home winning streak.

"We're not in Baylor's league right now," Jackson said. "For us, a successful week is playing well against Furman."

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Injured Lofton may come back

MEN'S, from page 17.

Gainesville, and the Vols' star player may not be on the floor Saturday.

Chris Lofton has missed Tennessee's last three games with a high-ankle sprain.

Even with his absence, the junior guard is the Southeastern Conference's leading scorer at 21.5 points per game.

Donovan wouldn't be surprised if Lofton is cleared to play before the game, so he is taking all precautionary measures to prepare the Gators (20-2, 7-0 SEC).

"He's probably not going to start — he'd probably come off the bench and play significant minutes," Donovan said. "But we're going to prepare like he is."

UF's players aren't buying Tennessee's word either. They know from experience that injured players show up for big games.

"C'mon now — Al (Horford) wasn't going to play against Ohio State?" Brewer said. "Of course we think he's going to play, even though he says he's not going to play."

Lofton may not want to miss the opportunity because this is the first time since the 1969-70 season that the Vols (15-7, 3-4 SEC) have played the top-ranked team in the Associated Press Poll. They are 2-8 all-time against No. 1-ranked teams.

In a series where the intensity runs high, it's inevitable that there will be some fighting words exchanged on the floor.

Despite the five-technical game against Vanderbilt, Noah said that the Gators will be talking trash on Saturday.

Still, the players must be careful when a referee is within earshot.

"It depends on the guy, but there are certain things — regardless of who the ref is — if you say them, then you're going to get teched up," Noah said. "Especially when the F-word comes up. Then you're going to get one."

Shooting Guard



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Tennessee: Jajuan Smith, Jr., 6'2" 196 pounds, 15.4 ppg, 4.2 rpg
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Advantage: Tennessee

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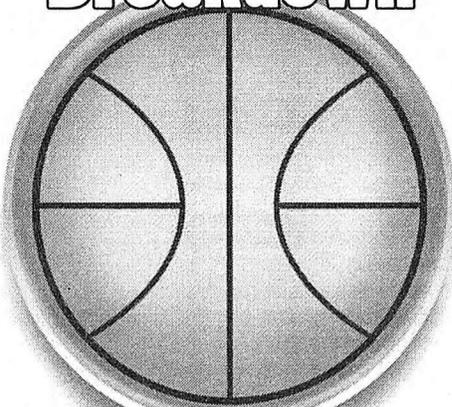
UF: Corey Brewer, Jr., 6'9" 185 pounds, 12.5 ppg, 4.4 rpg
Brewer is within striking distance of reaching 1,000 career points. The junior needs 27 more to reach the feat, which would make him the first player since 2003 to achieve the mark.



Tennessee: Josh Tabb, Fr., 6'4" 193 pounds, 3.5 ppg, 2.8 rpg
With SEC leading scorer Chris Lofton out of the lineup due to injury, the freshman has had to step in early. His inexperience seems to be his downfall. In the Vols' last game, Tabb recorded 2 points, four assists, four turnovers and four rebounds in 17 minutes.

Advantage: UF

Breakdown



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UF: Taurean Green, Jr., 6'0" 177 pounds, 13.6 ppg, 3.9 apg
Green recorded UF's first technical foul of the season, but he more than made up for it when Vanderbilt's bench committed two technical fouls minutes later. He hit 3 of the 4 extra free throws and sank a 3-pointer on the subsequent possession, which was arguably the turning point of the game.



Tennessee: Ramar Smith, Fr., 6'2" 185 pounds, 9.5 ppg, 3 apg
As a first-year point guard, Smith is already showing signs of maturity. During conference play, he leads all SEC freshmen in scoring (15.1 ppg), assists (3.71) and steals (1.57).

Advantage: UF

Power Forward



UF: Joakim Noah, Jr., 6'11" 232 pounds, 12.9 ppg, 8.4 rpg
Noah continues to shake off remnants of the flu, but the illness hasn't stopped the junior from producing. He narrowly missed logging his sixth double-double of the season when he scored a team-leading 19 points and grabbed 9 rebounds against Vanderbilt.



Tennessee: Dane Bradshaw, Sr., 6'4" 205 pounds, 6.8 ppg, 4.2 rpg
As the only senior in the starting lineup, Bradshaw adds some experience to the young crew. He ranks third in the SEC in assist-to-turnover ratio (2.59) and recorded his 100th assist of the season against Kentucky. He has registered 100 or more assists in each of the last two seasons.

Advantage: UF

Center



UF: Al Horford, Jr., 6'10" 245 pounds, 12.1 ppg, 8.7 rpg
Usually it's a problem if a player is seeing double but not in Horford's case. The junior just recorded his 20th career double-double when he poured in 12 points and 12 rebounds against Vanderbilt.



Tennessee: Wayne Chism, Fr., 6'9" 245 pounds, 8.5 ppg, 5.4 rpg
At 6-foot-9 and 245 pounds, the Rivals.com four-star prospect adds some much needed size to Tennessee's lineup. He is the tallest of the starting five but only plays 18.4 minutes per game.

Advantage: UF

Intangibles

UF is on a 13-game winning streak and knows how to pull out a win even with adversity. The Gators have not lost a game at home since Tennessee pulled out a 76-72 victory against the Gators last season. If Vols leading scorer Chris Lofton remains out of the lineup, Tennessee will have a difficult time pulling off the upset. **Advantage: UF**

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Grades could present problems

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each other really well.

"Good defensive tackle prospects are really hard to find, and whenever you get two guys that good in the same class on the interior of your defensive line — that's making a pretty big statement."

The Gators have the No. 1 recruiting class in the nation and will most likely keep that ranking, but they will need to solve some academic issues — Brown and Davis haven't academi-

cally qualified yet, Bakas said.

"On paper, right now it looks like a tremendous class, but there's still a lot of time and classroom work to be done," he said.

UF may add a few more players before National Signing Day on Wednesday.

"(Four-star linebacker) Brandon Hicks, (five-star defensive end) Allen Bailey, Terrence Toliver and Deonte Thompson (five-star wide receivers) are some really high-profile kids that (UF) could make room for," Bakas said.

Injury, struggles persist for Brooks

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over 6-feet, those excuses are wearing thin.

"We're a good blank team," said Peck, refraining from using choice words. "The thing about it is, in order to be great — because in the SEC you got to be a great team — you have to do the little things. That's taking care of the ball and boxing out. Even as tough as the defense may be, that may force you into turnovers, the thing that you can always do and has to be a gut check in effort, and that's box out."

Forward Marshae Dotson did her job in that regard.

The sophomore grabbed a career-high

18 rebounds to go along with 14 points.

Guard Depree Bowden was also impressive, scoring 24 to go with 12 rebounds and a career-high six assists. But Bowden also — like her coach com-



Peck

plained about — turned it over 11 times.

Guard Sha Brooks struggled for the second-straight game, extending her shooting skid to just 4 for 26 in those games.

Dotson and Brooks also combined for 11 turnovers.

Things may look bleak, but Rebels coach, and former UF coach, Carol Ross said she believed that the Gators can be a major program on the national level.

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Willis hopes to contribute against No. 10 Auburn

■ THE JUNIOR IS NURSING AN ACHILLES INJURY.

By **RACHEL ROBINS**

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Nicola Willis loves competing as part of the No. 1 gymnastics team — when she gets the chance.

These days it's harder for her to do that.

With five new gymnasts hungry to get into the lineup, Willis is fighting for a spot.

The junior will continue her climb Friday at 7 p.m. when UF (7-0-1, 1-0-1 Southeastern Conference) faces No. 10 Auburn (4-2, 1-1 SEC) at

the O'Connell Center.

Competing is not getting any easier for the Olympian, who represented Great Britain in the 2004 games. She is currently nursing an Achilles tendon injury and sported a boot Wednesday.

"You're always fighting for your spot," Willis said. "They're great gymnasts, and every year more great gymnasts come in. Every year, the fight for the spot makes you stronger and more determined. I think it's a really good thing for our team."

In last week's tie against Georgia she saw limited action due to the injury. UF coach Rhonda Faehn called Willis one of her best options on floor exercise but decided not to

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Nicola Willis
UF gymnast

use the junior in the event against the No. 2 Bulldogs.

Redshirt freshman Melanie Sinclair replaced Willis and scored a 9.875. Willis and Rebekah Zaiser were pulled from the vault squad, and their replacements, Sinclair and senior Savannah Evans, scored 9.875 and 9.85, respectively.

Willis scored a 9.7 in her last vault against Alabama. In her only action against Georgia, Willis competed on uneven bars and scored a 9.85.

"I compete if it feels good," Willis said. "Basically, it was just a meet that I could rest. There were a lot of people that could compete in that competition and do really well."

Last year's meet at Auburn turned into a nail biter with the Gators pulling out a 196-195.725 victory.

At home, Faehn will likely call on her best to save some worries.

She said Sinclair wants to add difficulty to her vault routine but has toned down her performance because of her recovery from a torn ACL. Faehn might let Sinclair take

the challenge against the Tigers.

That doesn't help Willis' chances.

URBAN BACKING: Before the Gators meet against the Bulldogs, UF football coach Urban Meyer and his wife Shelley sent the team a text message wishing them good luck against the SEC rival.

They told the latest No. 1 UF team to "stick it."

Meyer has yet to attend a Gators gymnastics meet this season but watched UF defeat his former team, Utah, last year at the O'Connell Center.

Shelley has kept up with the team, requesting updates to be text messaged to her during the meets.

UF DIVING

Four Gators divers jump into SEC Championships pool

By **SCOTT ROSEN**

Alligator Writer

After closing the regular season strong, a handful of UF divers are headed to the Southeastern Conference Championships this weekend.

Kentucky hosts the swimming and diving meet captured last year by Auburn's men and Georgia's women. UF's men will be represented by sophomore Jonathan Wilcox and senior Justin Schmidt.

Sophomore Whitney Stern and freshman Jennifer Funch will represent the women.

"We've got a very competitive pair representing Florida at the conference championships, and if Whitney and Jennifer dive the way I know they're capable of, then I have no

doubt they'll make it into the finals," UF diving coach Donnie Craine said.

Stern collected five wins this season, including a career-high score of 315.83 on the three-meter dive. Funch earned the team's top score on the 1M board, 269.4, in the season finale against Florida Atlantic.

"Whitney has come a long way since the start of her freshman year," Craine said. "She's become a lot more consistent during her college career, and she has certainly become the team's leader on the 3 meter. Jennifer has also improved on all of her dives, and she's someone that I see progressing more and more during her future years at Florida."

For the men's team, Wilcox won a combined 13 events this season, taking first place

eight times on the 1M board.

Schmidt has the season's best scores on both the 1M and the 3M dives.



Wilcox

Wilcox finished the regular season as SEC Diver of the Week and brought home two All-SEC honors at last year's SEC Championships.

"Jonathan is a great acrobat and he's very

pretty in the air," Craine said. "He can miss a dive here and there because his degree of difficulty is so high that it makes up for his mistake."

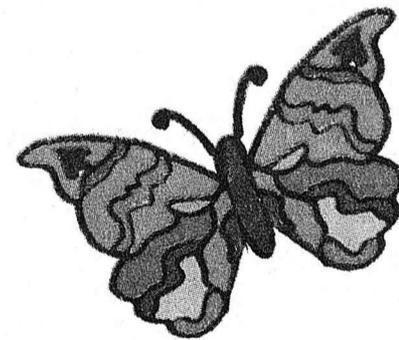
UF TO FACE FURMAN, BAYLOR: The UF men's tennis team got some much needed experience and confidence in Wednesday afternoon's 5-2 victory against Central Florida.

The Gators will look to capitalize on the performance coming into a tough weekend when they host Furman and Baylor.

Although the No. 15 Gators (1-0) are 24-0 against Furman, UF coach Andy Jackson feels that today's match will be an opportunity to get over the hump. Freshman Jesse Levine,

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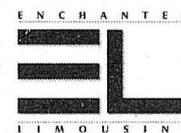
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